

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Sub 017
1. (original): A method of monitoring the use of a chargeable dynamic signaling port of a trunk connecting two exchanges, in particular in connection with applications which communicate via exchanges and which are likely to require to use such ports, in which method there is provision for assigning rights of use to each application enabling it either to have a port of this kind set up and then to use it or only to use a port of this kind if it has already been set up.

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2. (original): The method claimed in claim 1 wherein there is provision for immediately informing applications likely to require to use a chargeable dynamic signaling port that a port of this kind has been set up to enable said applications to use said port as fully as possible.

3. (original): The method claimed in claim 1 wherein the right assigned to an application is monitored in the exchange initiating a call request to set up a call via a chargeable dynamic signaling port of this kind and the same application possibly has a different right according to the exchange from which the setting up of a call is initiated.

4. (original): The method claimed in claim 1 wherein there is provision for assigning rights of use in time periods that can be changed.

5. (new) The method claimed in claim 3, wherein the right assigned to each application is stored in a data base for the exchange initiating the call request.
